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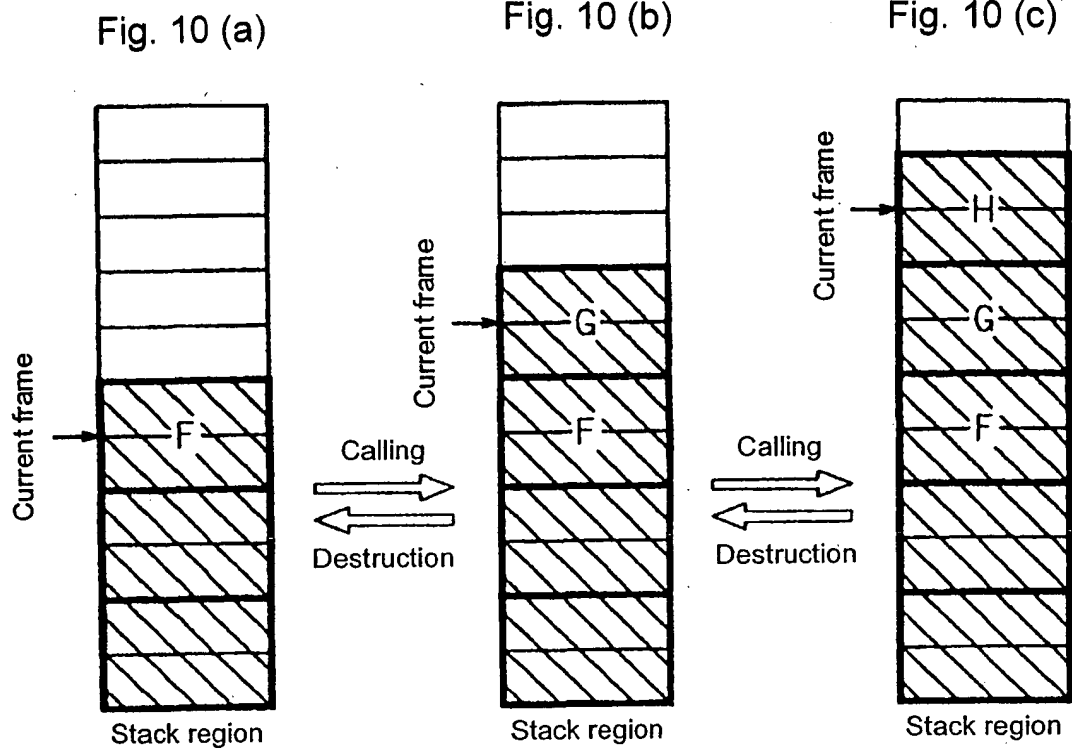
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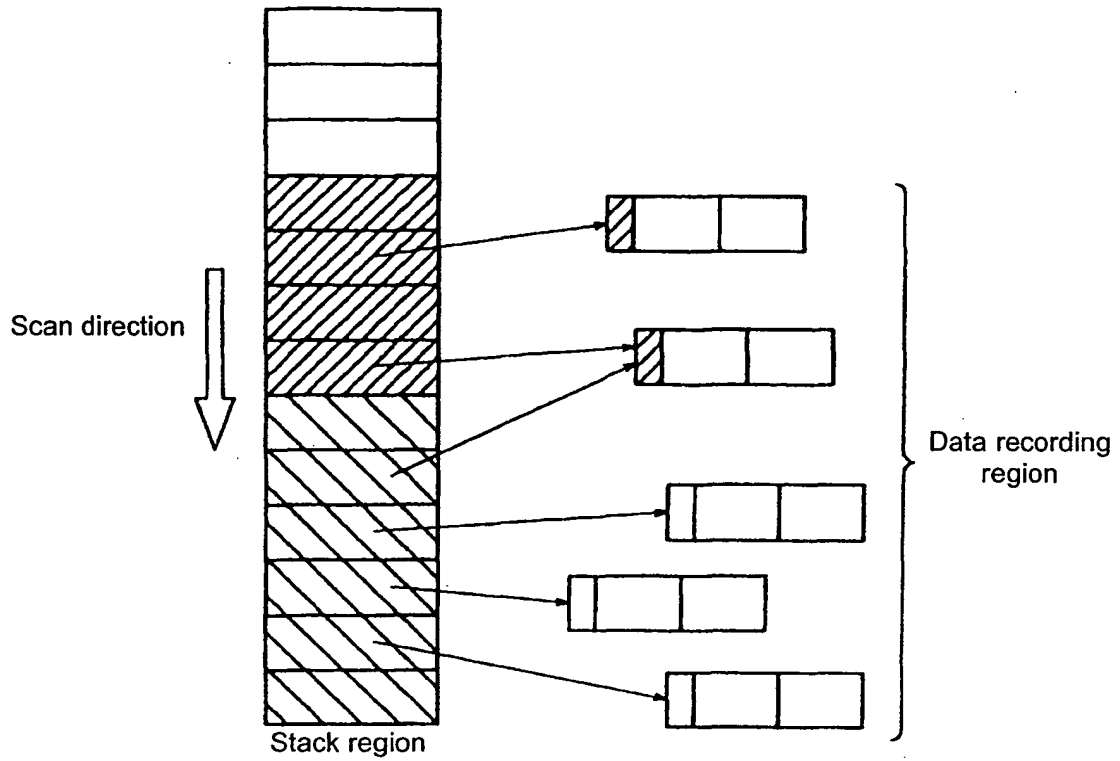


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Fig. 11



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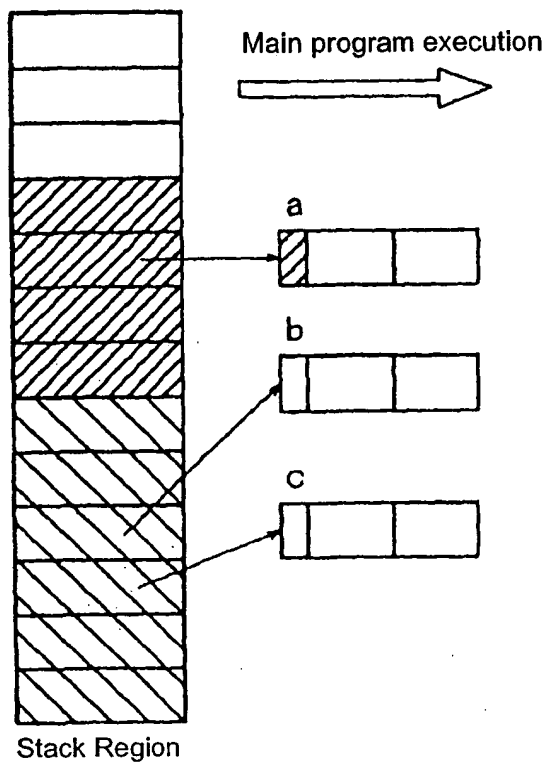
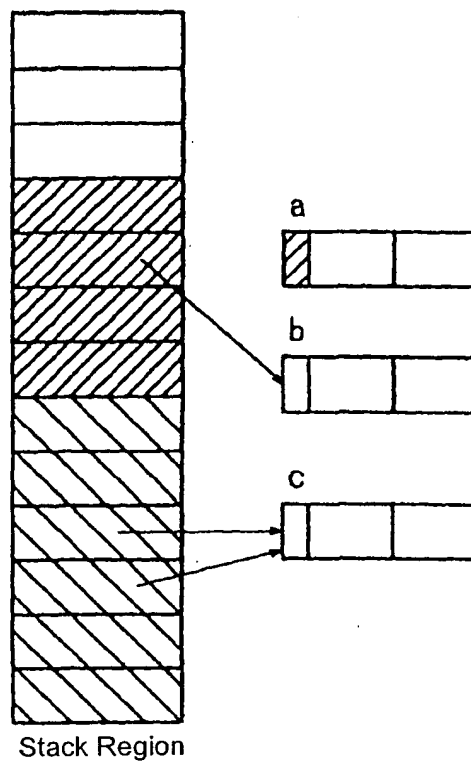


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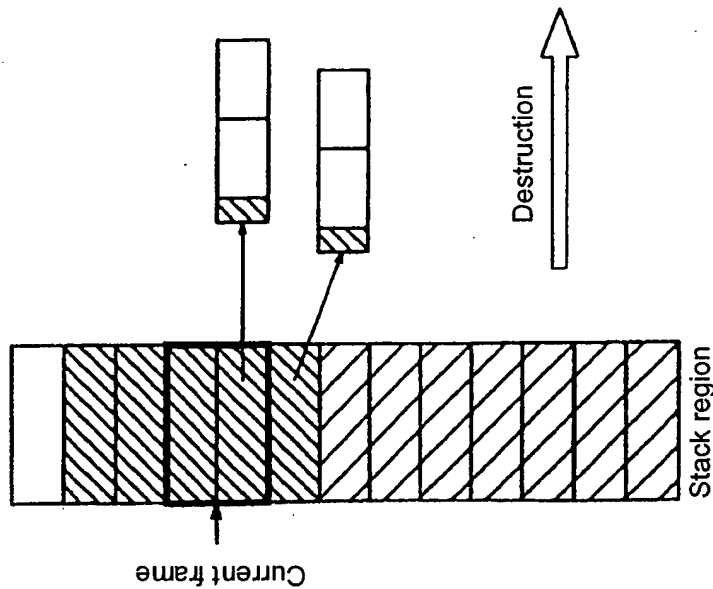
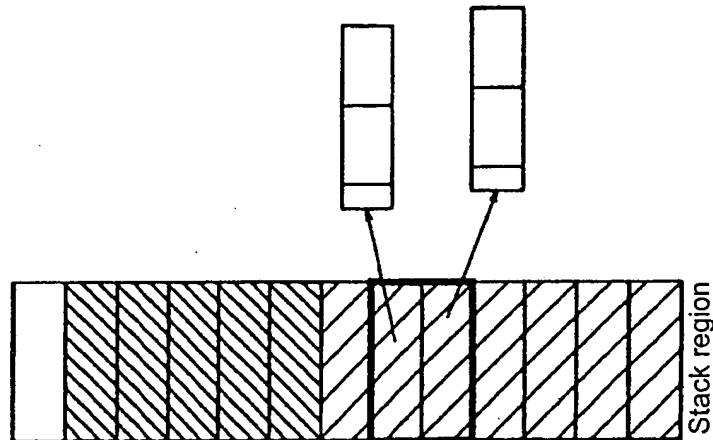


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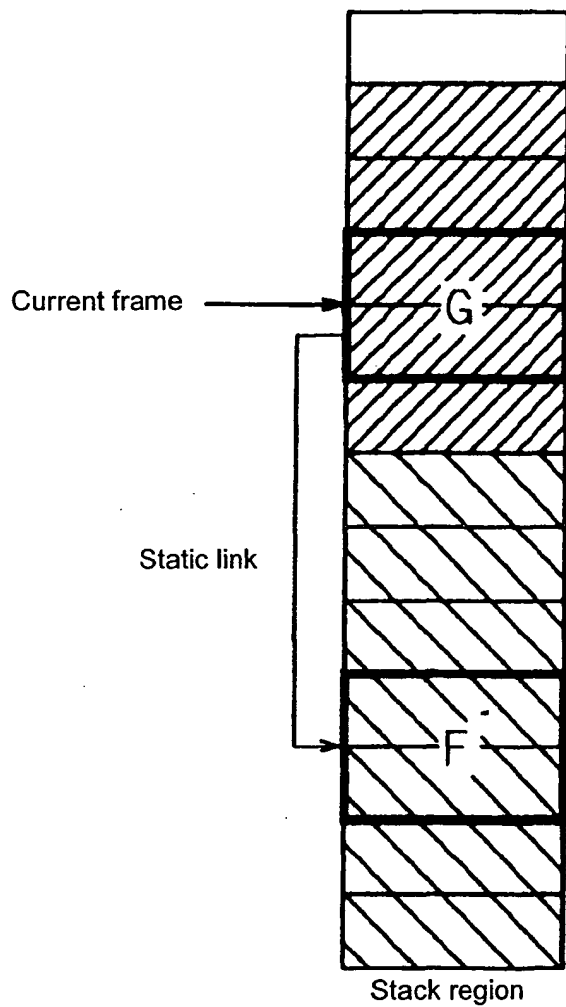


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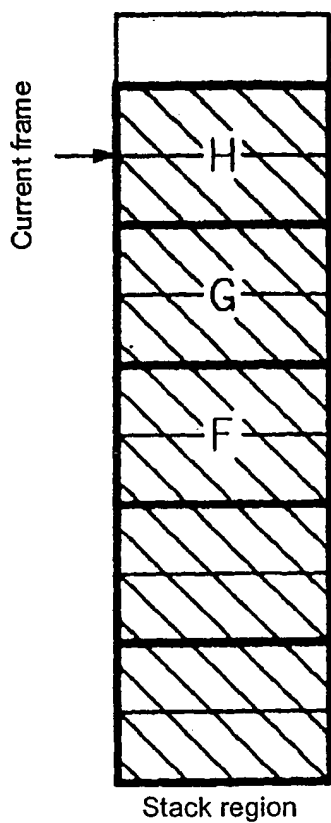
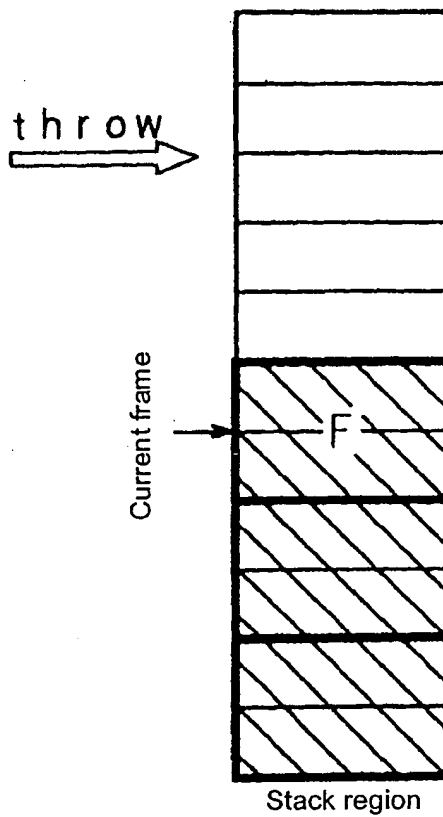


Fig. 15 (b)



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